

## THE CHAMPION

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tively in Advance.

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Those men of property who are charging the state administration with using the school and road funds for drainage purposes had best look out. Unless they can prove their assertions, it might go hard with them in libel suits. Such statements are most distinctly libelous, and, if we are not mistaken the administration is getting ready to set the law in motion in such cases.

The Zolfo Advertiser is, we understand, shortly to be moved to Wauchula. Editor Sparkman has acquired a first-class cylinder press and gasoline engine with all necessary equipments and will, he claims, have one of the best outfits in the county with which to run the office. Mr. Sparkman is an editor of much promise and ability and will, no doubt, make things lively in the booming little city heretofore presided over by the Advocate, which is still in the field.

DeSoto county got all she was looking for at the fair, the prizes on her pineapples. Our other exhibits were good, especially citrus fruits, but they were not gathered and selected for exhibition. General Gilchrist bought fruit put up for market at the Heard & Reynolds packing house of Arcadia, and while it was fine there was no effort at selection.

Mr. Crouch easily led all competitors in chrysanthemum exhibits and took all premiums in that class. We are proud of DeSoto's showing and grateful for the public spirited citizens, General Gilchrist and Mr. Crouch and others who made the exhibit possible.

Helen Wilms Post, the aged Mental Science teacher, of Sea Breeze, after five years of litigation has had her case settled by the courts, by the payment of \$500 fine and a promise to not use the U. S. mails for the purpose of furthering her Mental Science schemes. The whole affair has always appeared to us in the light of persecution. Other physicians whether quacks or what not use the United States mails for furthering their business and we see no reason why one who cured by mind force instead of drugs is any more liable for misuse of the mails those who deal in dangerous drugs. But we cannot be expected to understand the ramifications of the intellects of our post office authorities. Some things are too deep and mysterious for common folks.

During the last month Congressman Sparkman, accompanied by experts, made a visit to Lake Okechobee and the Caloosahatchee, investigating the possibilities of the drainage of that section, with a view to asking a government appropriation for the purpose of saving the groves of Lee county that suffer from overflow. We have not heard Mr. Sparkman's report, but have no doubt that it will be that drainage is feasible. If a government appropriation can be secured it would be entirely satisfactory to everybody concerned, and if anybody can get such an appropriation through congress it

is our member, S. M. Sparkman. We await with anxiety further developments.

It is the rush of job printing in our office that is making THE CHAMPION's force work both day and night now-a-days: People are beginning to realize that there is no job too big for our equipment and that for style and utility "Champion Artistically Neat Printing" has never been outclassed. Just let the orders come our way. We'll take care of 'em.

Mr. Webb, together with a force of hands, is moving today into his new city bakery in the Morqus building. Here he will have handsome and commodious quarters and he assures us that he will carry a fine line of fancy groceries, as well as regular baker's supplies. This does not mean that the present bakery will be removed, but only that another will be established to fill the needs of our growing city.

The activity of those behind the electric railway scheme for our lake country is a very cheering sign to a large class of DeSoto county citizens who believing in a great future for that region have already started groves and made homes. Transportation facilities will open up this most fertile and attractive section and see it filled in a short time with a desirable class of enterprising people who will find here immunity from killing frosts, a delightful climate and beautiful scenery.

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The names of prize winners and their scores will be published after Christmas.

THE BOWLING ALLEY,  
F. H. LAWSON.

### More Local Affairs.

For Oysters see A. H. Strickland. New currants and raisins at Bakery. Earnest Myer spent Sunday with his best girl in Plant City.

L. L. Morgan has got the finest hearse this side of Tampa on the road.

Nice fresh new guns and targets at the new Shooting Gallery next Coker's.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Harris, of Owens, are attending the Baptist meetings in Arcadia.

A new line of long silk gloves just received at the new popular Bargain House, Kanner & Co.

Don't forget Thos. Gaskins has moved his Office and Seed Store to the Arcadia Hardware Co.'s Store.

FOR SALE: Eight head of fine mules. Inquire of Consumer's Lumber Company, Moffit, Fla.

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Jake Burkhardt bought of O. H. Parker a house and six lots in north Arcadia. Consideration \$800.

The Bailey Shooting Gallery attracts lots of attention. It is another sign that we are putting on metropolitan airs.

Christmas Goods, from a doll to the latest improved sewing machine for children, the Midget, at F. Morqus'.

LOST: Thanksgiving day, between Arcadia and Prairie Creek, a babies' cap with gold pin with pearl set in it. Return to Frank Horton.

In an altercation over some oranges sold by M. M. Morgan to S. J. Carlton, Jim Jones, foreman of the Carlton packing house, yesterday assaulted L. I. Morgan, son of M. M. Morgan, knocking him senseless. Mr. Morgan lies critically ill at his residence. At a preliminary hearing before the county judge this morning Jones was put on \$250 bond to appear before the next grand jury.

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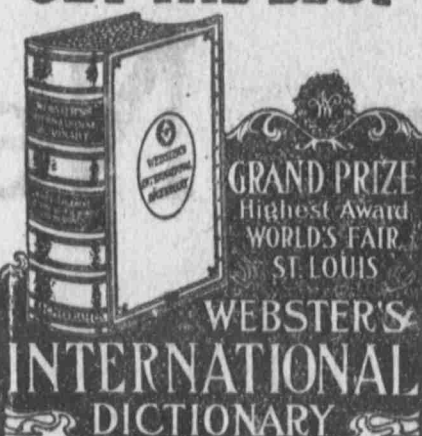
# A Christmas Thought

Just now the uppermost thought in the mind is "What shall I give for Christmas presents?" In answer comes the thought, "What could be more appropriate or better as a gift for old, young, rich or poor, than an Edison Phonograph or a Victor Talking Machine and a dozen records?" I carry both in stock and can furnish outfits from \$15 up. Come and see me before completing your Xmas shopping.

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